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NEWARK N.J.----Back from the Cuban and Porto Rican baseball wars is Terris Chester McDuffie with sheafs of sports page clippings displaying his name in big type and the fact he was ~~see~~ selected second most valuable pitcher in the Cuban League. Enroute Wednesday to join the Newark Eagles spring training camp in Virginia he paused long enough to breathe new vengeance against Satchell Paige of the Kansas City Monarchs, his only rival in the ranks of the Negro American and Negro National Leagues.

9 Last season McDuffie, right hander who always pitches best when the chips are down, beat Paige in three championship games out of four. Their latest clash was in ~~Puerto Rico~~ where he trimmed Paige's team 4-0, allowed but one hit whereas Paige allowed 13. This classic feud in the ranks of Negro baseball sends out the S.R.O. Sign whenever their teams contact.

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65 Born in Mobile Alabama, McDuffie has played ball ever since he can remember. His grandmother made him play, sewing covers on bursted balls for him to use and giving him a lot down south on



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which to mark off his own diamond. At 16 he joined the regular Army and was assigned to troops at <sup>St. Lawrence Co.</sup> West Point where his interest in the game was fanned to white heat when the ~~officers~~ cadets permitted him to sit in on their skull practice sessions.

Five years later he had joined the Birmingham Black Barons and sat one afternoon on the bench while the pitcher of his team cracked up in the first two innings and allowed the Chicago American Giants to run away with the game. McDuffie begged his manager for a chance to retrieve the ~~back~~ game and when the manager relented, McDuffie tore into the box and allowed but one hit in the remaining seven innings.

From the Barons he came to the Baltimore Black Sox, thence to the New York Black Yankees and finally the Newark Eagles, ~~owned by a woman, Mrs. Effa Manley.~~

Asked his opinion of Negro players entering the big leagues, McDuffie said that may be alright, but these days, comparatively, the Negro Leagues are "big" leagues also. Many Negro stars might not accept such an invitation, he added on the grounds they would be constantly on the spot to perform miracles. However, as far as experience ~~xxxx~~ with the big leaguers goes, McDuffie has plenty. He has beaten Bob Fellowes 502 in pitching bouts, Larry French 6-0 and 3-1 and Buck Newsome 6-2 and 403 in exhibition games. In fact he has never lost a game in such competition. In California last year, ~~he~~ during one such exhibition in which a number of big leaguers took part, he pitched the entire game for his team which won 4-1.

McDuffie

Paige's lament was the scarcity of very young Negro player material, caused by the war. He said the famous old timers of Negro



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baseball cannot be easily replaced, but thinks baseball in the Armed Forces may become an untapped source of new material.

Pitching a fast thinking game and pitting brains against brawn McDuffie explained one of his secrets.

"When a good hitter gets a real hit on me, I remember forever just what kind of ball I pitched him then and I never make that mistake again, no matter how many other times we meet," he explained.

His favorite pitching objective is the great hitter Josh Gibson of the Homestead, Pa. Grays whom McDuffie usually manages to outwit. McDuffie says he eats and sleeps baseball and loses sleep whenever he loses a game, because he stays awake to figure out the errors he made.